

A note from your Congresswoman



Dear Friend:

During this challenging year for Americans, I believe it is important that we remember **the true meaning of patriotism.**

It is not enough to support a war or wave a flag. **Genuine patriotism means affirming the values that have made America strong for more than two centuries.** Patriotism means embracing, not stifling, dissent. I do not understand, for example, how a bill that clamps down on civil liberties can be called the USA-PATRIOT Act.

Truly patriotic public policy empowers American families, helping them balance the competing demands of work and family.

On the other hand, exploding deficits and tax cuts for the wealthy seem wholly unpatriotic to me. And what is patriotic about sending billions of dollars to rebuild Iraq, when our own communities desperately need investment?

One of our most patriotic songs, "America the Beautiful," is an ode to the environment ("amber waves of grain" and "purple mountain majesties"). Yet, some are telling us that it would be patriotic to explore and drill for oil in our protected lands, in the pristine environment of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and off the California coast.

As I work to represent you in the nation's capitol, I am guided by your concerns. The people of California's Sixth Congressional District are the most important voices I listen to as I serve in Congress. Please send me your questions, concerns and suggestions. And, for more information, visit www.woolsey.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Lynn Woolsey

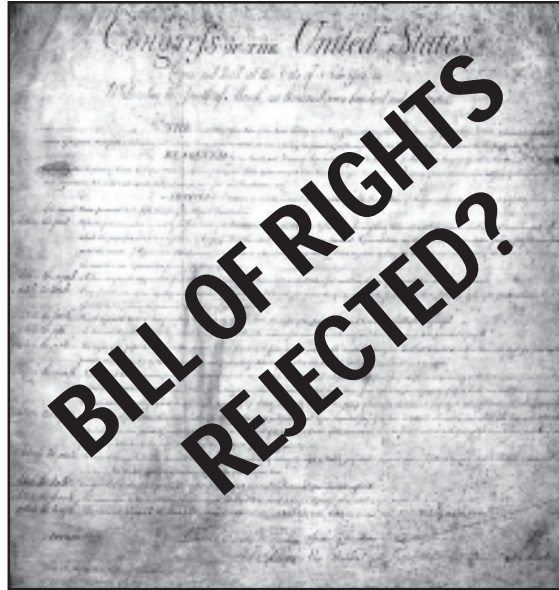
**What happens in Washington affects you!
Look inside to find out why.**

patriot act & civil liberties

Don't Sacrifice Freedom to Defend Freedom

Two years ago, I voted without hesitation against the USA-PATRIOT Act. In the name of counterterrorism, this disastrous bill granted the government broad new powers to invade the privacy of our people.

The Patriot Act has threatened no fewer than six of our Constitutional Amendments, providing unprecedented law enforcement access to personal information. Now, unbelievably, the Justice Department is considering an even more intrusive sequel — Patriot Act II.



And what do we have to show for the Patriot Act? **Osama bin Laden is still on the loose, and Americans are still vulnerable to terrorist attack.**

The Bill of Rights must not be the next victim of terrorism. Fear must not be allowed to guide our decisions or cloud our judgment. Fear must not muffle the voice of freedom.

recent woolsey actions

- ✓ Original co-sponsor of the Benjamin Franklin True Patriot Act that would repeal key provisions of the Patriot Act that allow for illegal jail sentences, unfettered surveillance activities, and access to personal records with little oversight.
- ✓ Original co-sponsor of the Freedom to Read Protection Act, which would repeal the Patriot Act provision that allows the FBI to search library records
- ✓ Wrote a letter to the Attorney General protesting the treatment of foreign nationals held on immigration charges in connection with the 9/11 investigation.

education & the workforce

Helping Americans Balance Work & Family



Rep. Lynn Woolsey visits with students at West Marin School and discusses the importance of reading.

From Head Start and early childhood programs to college and mid-career job training, **education is the cornerstone of a free and prosperous society.**

As a Senior Democrat on the Education and Workforce Committee, I've pushed for more

federal funding for American schools at all levels. And, I have been disappointed that the Administration has so drastically underfunded education, even its own No Child Left Behind Act.

It's not enough that we prepare Americans for the job market; it's also critical that we protect their rights once they're on the job. Especially important to me is **a commitment from the federal government to help Americans achieve a balance between work and family.** That means everything from universal affordable health care, to universal pre-school, to generous family leave and more.

recent woolsey actions

- ✓ Fought for full federal funding for education of individuals with disabilities and for states to give all federal increases in disability education funds directly to local schools.
- ✓ Actively working for strong, well-funded school nutrition programs, with a focus on expanding the School Breakfast Pilot Program to middle and high school students while improving the nutritional quality of all school meals.
- ✓ Objected vehemently to and voted against the effort to eliminate the 40-hour work week and strip millions of workers of their overtime pay.

fighting for renewables

The Key to Real Energy Security

The energy crisis of 2000-2001 is still fresh in the mind of every Californian. This summer's blackout left millions of Americans without power for several days and exposed a grave vulnerability in the nation's energy grid.



Yet, the nation remains dangerously reliant on foreign energy from one of the most volatile regions of the world.

America desperately needs a sound and sane energy policy. I have used my seat on the House Science Committee's Subcommittee on Energy to **promote efficiency and independence through investment in the untapped potential of renewable energy sources** like geothermal, wind, solar, and biomass.

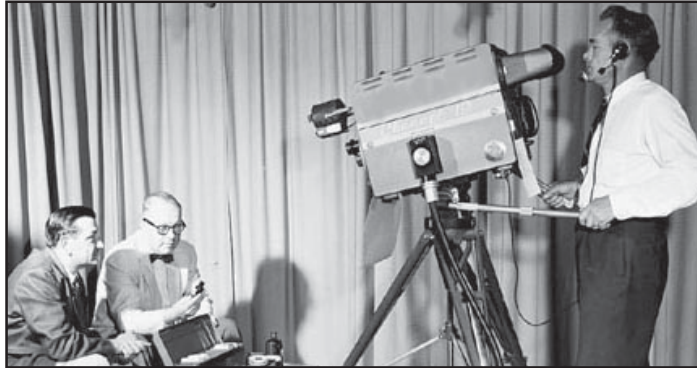
Some continue to insist that we can drill and mine our way to energy independence. They want to let coal, oil and nuclear interests line their pockets by polluting our communities. But continued reliance on dirty, exhaustible fossil fuels is not the answer. **Only a sustained commitment to renewables will provide true energy security.**

recent woolsey actions

- √ Introduced the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Act, which has served as the basis for the renewable energy provisions of this year's energy bill.
- √ Helped secure millions for research and development in the House Energy Bill for renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- √ Included a demonstration and technology transfer program to promote renewable energy in public building in the energy bill. This was inspired by "Solar Sebastopol," an effort by the citizens of the Sonoma County city to begin transitioning public buildings to solar energy.

media concentration

Preserving the Diversity of the Airways



This summer, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) compromised the Constitution's free-press protection and democracy itself. It approved new regulations allowing large media conglomerates to purchase more independent outlets and exert even greater control over news, information and entertainment.

That was the bad news.

The good news is that the American people would not stand for it. **In classic David-and-Goliath style, a groundswell of public opposition emerged, and Congress responded.** Bipartisan majorities in the House and the Senate have passed measures to put the brakes on media cross-ownership and increasing the concentration of media ownership in broadcasting. And a federal court has ordered a delay in implementing some of the rules.

This fight is far from over, but I believe the strong opposition to the FCC rules will prevail in the end.

recent woolsey actions

- ✓ Co-sponsored Congressional actions designed to weaken, restructure or invalidate the new FCC media ownership rules.
- ✓ Hosted a town meeting in May at Dominican University in San Rafael featuring FCC Commissioner Michael Copps (who opposed the FCC plan), to raise local awareness about the potential impact of media concentration.
- ✓ Authored a nationally published opinion piece that argued strongly against the FCC's media ownership rules.

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Rep. Lynn Woolsey testifies at a Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing to gain funding for Marin and Sonoma counties.

No, wait there's more!

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recent woolsey actions

Bringing Federal Resources Home and Fighting for our Local Communities

- ✓ **Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Center:** successfully advocated for the establishment of this new Center of Excellence in the Bay Area. Secured \$963,000 for local breast cancer projects.
- ✓ **Petaluma Flood Control Project:** secured over \$18 million to move the project to completion.
- ✓ **Novato Narrows:** convened meetings with top state and federal officials to explore the widening of the Narrows as part of a multi-modal local transportation strategy, one that would accommodate motorists, public transit, bicyclists and pedestrians.
- ✓ **Hamilton Fields Wetlands:** secured \$13 million over the past six years for the project. Working with State Senator Burton, led the coordinated effort to transfer the property to the state so that restoration can begin.
- ✓ **Golden Gate Bridge:** secured over \$46 million toward seismic retrofitting, to help enhance the safety of this vital transportation artery.
- ✓ **Sudden Oak Death:** secured \$3.5 million (and fighting for millions more) to combat this disease, which is killing so many of the most precious trees in California's coastal counties.

Graton Rancheria Casino

- ✓ With Senator Feinstein, introduced legislation that would empower local residents with a prominent seat at the table, giving them the right to rigorously scrutinize the casino project and offer substantive input.
- ✓ Fought for a process that allows residents to work openly with their elected officials to make or reject an agreement with the tribe.

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